

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A fire alarm method, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein smell-emitting means are provided along an evacuation route with a space therebetween, and ~~when~~ under the condition that a fire occurs, emission control means, which is activated based on a signal from fire detection means, controls to activate the smell-emitting means from one placed in a vicinity of a spot of the fire and gradually towards an evacuation exit, so as to emit smell from the smell-emitting means and thereby giving warning of fire.

8. (Currently Amended) A fire alarm method, ~~characterized in that, when~~ wherein under the condition that a fire occurs, emission control means, which is activated based on a signal from fire detection means, activates smell-emitting means that emits an awakening smell so as to emit the smell, and then activates smell-emitting means that emits an irritating smell so as to emit the smell, thereby giving warning of fire.

9. (Currently Amended) A fire alarm method, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein smell-emitting means are provided along an evacuation route with a space therebetween, and ~~when~~ under the condition that a fire occurs, emission control means, which is activated based on a signal from fire detection means, controls to activate the smell-emitting means intermittently so as to emit smell such that, in an initial stage of the intermittent operation, emission intervals are long and an emission time period is short, and then as time elapses, the emission intervals are reduced and the emission time period is increased gradually, thereby giving warning of fire.